



United States Army Soldier Support Institute Noncommissioned Officer Academy

FIRST SERGEANT BRYAN J. VALENZUELA



First Sergeant Bryan J. Valenzuela was born and raised in Schulenburg, Texas, on 27 October 1977. He enlisted in the United States Army on 13 August 1996 and completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After completion of Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, SC he was awarded MOS 75H (Personnel Administration Specialist) in December 1996.

First Sergeant Valenzuela's assignments include overseas tours in Camp Red Cloud, Korea (2nd Infantry Division G1), His CONUS assignments include tours at Fort Hood, Texas, with the 15th Personnel Services Battalion, 3rd Personnel Services Group and 1st Battalion 82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Jackson, South Carolina, with the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade; Fort Benning, Georgia, with the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. First Sergeant Valenzuela deployed in support of Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia/Herzegovina) and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II and VII. He has also served in a myriad of duty positions including Enlisted/Officer Promotions NCOIC, Enlisted Evaluations NCOIC, Division Readiness NCOIC, Battalion Sr. Human Resources Sergeant, IET Senior Drill Sergeant; Brigade Sr. Human Resources Sergeant, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and now culminating as the First Sergeant for the Senior Leaders Course.

First Sergeant Valenzuela's military education includes the Combat Lifesaver Course, Field Sanitation, Combatives' Level 1 and II, Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course (BNCOC), Drill Sergeant School, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course (ANCOC), and the First Sergeant Course. He has completed two years of college and is currently pursuing an Associates degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Central Texas College.

First Sergeant Valenzuela's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC), Army Achievement Medal (7th OLC), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), National Defense Service medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (3 Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon(3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon(3), NATO Medal. First Sergeant Valenzuela has also been awarded the Combat Action Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Drivers Badge, and is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie L. Murphy Club.